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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC RELATIONS PORTION OF JUNE 15 NATO COMMUNIQUE

1. SUMMARY: QUAI DIRECTOR PACTS AND DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS

TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 18 THAT WHILE FRENCH ARE PREPARED " EXAMINE"

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ALLIANCE RELATIONS IN LIGHT OF PROFOUND CHANGES OVER PAST TWENTY- FIVE YEARS, THEY REMAIN UNCONVINCED THAT ANY DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, COMMUNIQUE REPORT BASED ON THIS EXAMINATION WOULD SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE. END SUMMARY.

2. QUAI OFFICIAL SAID FRENCH POSITION ON " YEAR OF EUROPE", WHICH HE QUALIFIED AS HIGHLY RESERVED, REMAINS AS STATED IN FRENCH REPORT ON REYKJAVIK SUMMIT (USNATO 2838) AND IN JOBERT' S PREPARED STATEMENT AT COPENHAGEN MINISTERIAL.

3. QUAI OFFICIAL ARGUED STATUS QUO IN ALLIANCE ATLANTIC AFFAIRS IS PREFERABLE TO ANY POSSIBLE " REVITALIZATION" WHICH COULD CALL INTO DOUBT EXISTING FUNCTIONS OF ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP. FRENCH ARE AWARE THAT CHANGES IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF PAST TWENTY- FIVE YEARS, INCLUDING POTENTIAL SHIFTS IN US PUBLIC OPINION HAVE ALTERED SOME ASPECTS OF TRANS- ATLANTIC RELATIONS. FRENCH SEE NO HARM THEREFORE IN ALLIANCE " EXAMINING" IMPACT OF THESE CHANGES " AS HE SAID " IT HAS BEEN DOING SINCE ITS INCEPTION".

4. HOWEVER, QUAI OFFICIAL CONSIDERED INACCURATE REPORT IN JUNE 16 LE MONDE THAT FRENCH " WILL NOT OPPOSE THE ADOPTION OF A TEXT WHICH COULD BE ANNEXED TO THE COMMUNIQUE OF A FUTURE SESSION- FOR EXAMPLE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIANCE WHICH WILL BE CELEBRATED IN 1974."

5. COMMENT. AS RELAYED BY QUAI OFFICIAL WHO HEADED FRENCH COMMUNIQUE NEGOTIATING TEAM, FRENCH RECOGNIZE THEY HAVE MADE A CONCESSION IN AGREEING TO ALLIANCE EXAMINATION OF ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP. HOWEVER, IN FRENCH EYES THIS EXAMINATION SHOULD BE AN END IN ITSELF AND NOT LEAD TO ANY ALLIANCE SPONSORED " DOCUMENT" OR TO ANY GENERAL STATEMENT OF ATLANTIC PRINCIPLES. AS QUAI AND ELYSEE OFFICIAL HAVE PUT IT TODAY, FRENCH STILL REMAIN UNCONVINCED ON FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE OF NEED FOR A " YEAR OF EUROPE, BUT REMAIN PREPARED TO DISCUSS QUESTION."
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